

WOMEN THIEVES IN CHURCHES

Boston Complaints That Band Is Systematically "Working" the Sacred Edifices of That City.

A clever band of woman thieves is suspected of "working" the wealthy congregations of several large Boston churches. Rectors and sextons of at least two houses of worship have been notified recently of purse and handbag thefts during services. Circumstances have led to the conviction that it is the same band that operated last spring among Back Bay churchgoers. Trinity Church in Copley square and St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral have been visited by members of the female gang lately.

The suspects are all women. One of them, at least, disguises herself in deep mourning, apparently to throw her prospective victims off their guard. Others of the suspected band are stunningly gowned girls, attired always in the latest styles. One of the suspects is about fifty years old, another is said to be not more than twenty. Invariably the thefts are from women in the congregations, and most often the stolen articles disappear during communion services, when the communicants leave their pews to receive the sacrament. They return to find that the demure, well-attired girl who sat beside them is gone; so also is the purse or handbag, containing money or jewelry, perhaps, which they had left on the cushioned seat when they went forward. Or again, the sorrowful, aged woman in widow's weeds, whose heavy black veil had completely hidden her features, has vanished and the worshiper's costly muff or rich fur piece is missing, too.—Boston Post.

GOING BACK INTO HISTORY

Italians and Greeks, With Small Forces, Captured Constantinople in Year 1453.

On account of the fact that the Turks are in this great European war it is interesting to recall from the pages of history that on May 29, 1453, the forces of the Italians and Greeks, numbering only about 14,000, conquered Constantinople against an estimated defending army of Turks of 200,000. This has been disputed in history as to numbers engaged, but the salient fact remains that the city founded by the Emperor Constantine was captured by the Italians and Greeks at that time.

The days following the Crusades had been marked by changes indescribable in brief description. The Mohammedan element had become dominant. Then in a political movement the Italians and Greeks assaulted the very citadel of Mohammedism and after a long fight against tremendous odds captured the then rather insignificant capital of the Gateway to the Orient, which has been the scene of many strife since that time and is now one of the main issues of the greatest of all wars. The Arabic peoples had been aroused by the growth of Mohammedanism. The thought that if a devotee of Islamism died for his faith he was at once destined to translation to the seventh heaven was paramount to all other thoughts. Then it was that the uprising of the Christian Latins and Greeks intruded into the long years of the rule of Islam and conquered Constantinople.

Junketing Refrigerator.

One of the most practical junkets that Uncle Sam has ever sponsored is the specially fitted refrigerator car that has been started around the country to demonstrate proper methods of handling eggs and poultry for shipment.

The car is a complete refrigerating laboratory, which carries its own engine to operate the cooling apparatus. It is divided into two rooms. The first is of a temperature slightly below normal, for the gradual cooling of the poultry before it is placed in the other room, which is the refrigerator.

Experts from the department of agriculture make the demonstrations with poultry and eggs supplied by the local dealers. The scientific handling of eggs and their skillful packing for long shipment are also demonstrated.

Telephones in Canada.

Next to the United States, Canada has the largest number of telephones in proportion to the population. The telephone business of Canada for the year ended June 30, 1914, showed an increase of more than \$2,350,000 in gross earnings, while the telephone companies reported a decrease of \$112,000 as compared with 1913.

The gross earnings of the telephone companies last year totaled \$17,297,265, with gross operating expenses of something over \$12,000,000. The net earnings were \$4,500,000. The gross earnings were equal to \$32 per telephone. The total number of telephones is 521,144, or one for every 15 of the population. The average is exceeded only by the United States.

Rifles in Armies.

Each army now fighting in Europe uses a rifle different from that used by each of the others. The Russians have the longest rifle, the French the longest bayonet, while the Austrians use the heaviest bullet. The rifles with the longest barrels are those of the French and the Austrians. The German rifle attains the greatest muzzle velocity. The British have the shortest rifle, but with the bayonet added the weapon is longer than the rifle and bayonet of the Belgians and Austrians.

WORTH KNOWING

A holder for coins is inserted in a new umbrella or parasol handle.

Heels made chiefly of coiled springs covered with flexible leather are a Kansas inventor's footwear novelty.

New Zealand has prohibited the importation of cooking utensils coated or lined with lead, or any of its alloys.

Roughened plates have been invented to be attached to a man's shoes to keep his feet from slipping on ladders.

Laws prohibiting the use by painters of white lead or products containing it have become effective in France.

The census bureau has estimated that the population of the United States passed the 100,000,000 mark on April 2.

A tuning fork unaffected by temperature, therefore accurate under all conditions, has been invented by a Frenchman.

A holder for a hat, coat and umbrella, intended for use in more or less public places, can be locked to prevent theft.

An automatic jack has been invented that lifts an automobile clear of the floor of a garage or the ground as it is run over the device.

BUSINESS MAXIMS

Charles Elliott Warren, a banker of New York, has given the following rules for the guidance of young men:

Go long on self-confidence. Never be afraid of tackling anything. Even if you fail you learn a lot.

Go after the highest job in your own business. Every office boy ought to resolve to be the president of the corporation or the head of his firm.

Don't bother about influence. Application and untiring industry will fetch your wages faster than all the "pull" in the world.

Never sit back and wait for the help of others. The others are too busy helping themselves to bother about you.

Remember that you have got to be better than the other fellow to land the top notch place for yourself. Two men can't hold the same job.

Beware of being sidetracked. Petty spite, jealousy and personal antagonism may rile you almost to the breaking point, but don't be diverted.

QUIPS

Some men are such unbelievers that they would actually question the sex of the devil.

Love in a cottage is all right if the cottage is so small there is no room for doubt.

In an argument some people never give in and some never give out.

It requires a lot of magnetism to get things coming our way.

On the other hand, we are also the architects of our own misfortunes.

There are times when the descent of man seems to consist of falling in love.

Many a woman who thinks her face is her fortune doesn't have to carry any burglar insurance.

MORNING SMILES

The more you tell your troubles, the greater they will seem.

What a great thing it would be if a man could live up to the heroes in the motion pictures.

Always remember that if you try to live a double life you will have to live two men's work.

The giraffe's tongue is 18 inches long, but any town gossip can take the record from him.

Indifference to what people say is the prerogative of only those who know that they are doing the right.

INSHOOT

It requires a lot of magnetism to get things coming our way.

The older we grow the safer and saner we become on the Fourth of July observance.

You can never arouse sympathy by brooding over troubles in silence. It is better to howl.

It is possible for a girl to eat soup gracefully and not be able to make a palatable article.

A woman can often be busy without making much fuss about it. But with man it is different.

Workmen are Busy

Remodeling and enlarging our place. We are busy unpacking and putting in new stock which is now arriving daily. Three buyers are busy in New York searching out and buying the best things the world affords for Chickasha's Big Busy Store.

But we still have quite a nice supply of summer merchandise for you at prices probably less than you would expect, even at the season's end.

Eagle Mercantile Company

CHICKASHA'S BIG PROGRESSIVE STORE

MARKETS

Chickasha Grain Today.

No. 2 wheat\$1.09
Oats30
Corn, white75
Corn, mixed75

Chicago Grain Today.

WHEAT.	
Sept., open, \$1.07	3-4-1-4; close, \$1.09 5-8.
Dec., open, \$1.07	3-4-1-2; close, \$1.09 1-8.
May, open, \$1.12	1-4; close, \$1.13 1-4.

CORN.

Sept., open, 75 1-8-7-8; close, 75 3-8.
Dec., open, 64 1-8-4-4; close, 64 3-8.
May, open, 66 1-4; close, 66 1-2.

OATS.

Sept., open, 40 1-8-3-9 2-4; close, 41.
Dec., open, 40 1-4-4; close, 40 3-4.
May, open, 43 1-8-4-3; close, 43 5-8.

Trend of Trading Yesterday.

Chicago, Aug. 19.—Declines in the prices of wheat resulted today from the bearish showing made by the government crop report. Favorable weather for the harvest in the northwest counted also against the bulls. Dispatches indicated that even the late blue stem grades might, after all, escape serious damage from rust. After opening 3-8 to 7-8 up the market underwent a moderate additional sag. Corn responded only a little to the downturn of wheat. There was no general pressure to sell. Opening prices, which ranged from the same as last night to 3-8 down were followed by a slight hardening of values all around.

Traders in oats were guided by the action of corn. Rural offerings were not large.

Provisions lacked support. Higher prices for hogs were virtually ignored. Heavy rain in Kansas and Oklahoma, causing further delay to the crop movement there, led afterward to a rally in wheat. The bulls were encouraged by announcement of large export sales yesterday and of additional foreign business today. The close was firm at 1-4 to 7-8 to 1-6 higher. Predictions of a falling off in receipts tended later to make the corn market stronger. The close was steady, 3-8 to 5-8 to 3-4 above last night.

New York Spot Cotton.

New York, Aug. 19.—Spot cotton, steady. Middling uplands, 39.25; sales ten bales. Private wires reporting further and more general showers in the

southwest were followed by renewed declines during the early afternoon and active months sold about 13 to 14 points net lower. Wall street continued to buy late months on a scale down but the support was not aggressive and the tone was unsettled.

Kansas City Livestock.

Kansas City, Aug. 19.—Hogs—Receipts, 9000; higher. Bulk, 16.50 to \$7.40; heavy, \$6.75 to \$7.35; light, \$7.15 to \$7.45; pigs, \$6.75 to \$7.25.

Cattle—Receipts, 9000 head; steady. Prime fed steers, \$9.50 to \$10.00; dressed beef steers, \$8.00 to \$9.50; southern steers, \$6.00 to \$8.50; cows, \$4.50 to \$7.25; heifers, \$6.75 to \$9.35; stockers, \$6.25 to \$8.25.

SHORT STORIES
OF
THE TOWN

Rush Crops Good.

Crops are excellent in the region of Rush Springs, says M. F. Courtney of the Farmers' State bank, who made a trip south yesterday. He says the rain there was of about the same amount as here, and that he never saw corn and feed prospects better.

Missionary Tea.

A missionary tea will be held at the parish house of Presbyterian church Thursday afternoon. The program will be as follows: Hymn, Reading, Pauline Teis, Solo, Ethel Gray, Music, Laura Julian, Reading, Mrs. Howard Miller, Social hour. All are cordially invited.

Maupin-Baldwin.

Chickasha friends of Mrs. Bertha Baldwin have received word from her of her marriage to W. A. Maupin, an oil man of Tulsa. Mrs. Baldwin was formerly proprietor of an innery shop here. Mr. and Mrs. Maupin are now in Boulder, Colo. They have been married several weeks.

Eagle Picnics at Shanoan.

Employees of the Eagle Mercantile Co. enjoyed a picnic at Shanoan Springs last night. A big picnic supper was the main feature of the outing, and after feasting to their hearts content, the picnickers spent the remainder of the evening bowling.

Another for Bureau.

Commercial and farm bureau work, with the hog cholera situation on and

Great Old Remedy
For Skin Diseases

S. S. S. Clears Skin of Eruptions Drives Poison From the System.

Get it fixed in your mind that skin eruptions, Scrofula, Eczema, burning itching skin, and all skin diseases are due entirely to impure and infected blood. If the trouble was on the outside of the skin, by simply washing and keeping it clean you could obtain relief. But even ointments, lotions, and salves, would be necessary. Agree with us in this

belief, and your trouble can be relieved—you can be entirely restored to health. S. S. S. is a purely vegetable treatment that you can secure from your own druggist—it is a blood tonic that will purify your blood and cause a most decided abatement of your trouble, and finally make you entirely well. Fifty years ago S. S. S. was discovered and given to suffering mankind. During this period it has proven its remarkable curative properties as a blood purifier and tonic, and has relieved thousands of cases of disease caused by poor or impure blood, and chronic or inherited blood diseases. You can be relieved, but you must take S. S. S. Take it if only pimples appear, for they denote bad blood, and may be followed by the sufferings from torturing skin eruptions. Therefore be sure. Don't take chances, don't use lotions. Get S. S. S. from your druggist. If you are a special case, write for expert medical advice to S. S. S. Co., Atlanta, Ga.

WELLESLEY CREW READY FOR THE SEASON



The 1915 crew of Wellesley college has shown exceptional speed in its trial spins on the lake and is now in prime condition for the contests of the season.

STRIKE AT BAYONNE ENDED

With the big fair coming, has become so pressing that Miss Louise Sharpe has been added to the office force to aid in the stenographic and other office work. It is understood she will remain in the office at least until October 1.

Peter the Great.

"What Alfred the Great is to early Britain, that Peter the Great, in his crude way, is to Russia. If ever a race of people found adequate expression in one person, that race was the Slavic race in their great czar. As an acorn folds an oak, the type of a great forest, so Peter the Great enfolded the Russian people. Into him they have flowed from the twilight of time, and from him they have gone out to the ends of the earth. And this was one of his dreams, that his country might have ample boundaries."—From "The World Storm and Beyond," by Edwin Davis Schoonmaker.

Feeding Plants.

Do you ever think of inviting your plants to dinner? An expert in plant life who took a large number of sundew plants and supplied half of them with nitrogenous food in the form of roast beef arrived at the following facts: Of the plants that he fed, 69 per cent more survived than of the same number that were not fed in this way; their stems weighed 41 per cent more; they excelled the starved plants in the number of their seeds by 141 per cent, and in the aggregate weight of their seeds by 279 per cent. Other scientists who have fed these plants with aphides of similar small insects have secured like results.

Saving Mineral Waste.

Up till quite recent times the loss of tin at the Welsh mines has been nearly ten per cent of the total amount of the metal mined. Now, by the use of electrical apparatus, the loss has been lowered to one per cent. This is a fair sample of the reform now going on in all mining operations. Ores once thrown away are now used, and old dumps are being worked at a profit sometimes not much less than was made by the original owners of the mine. The silver mines of Attica were worked by slave laborers more than twenty-five centuries ago and were thought exhausted, but in recent times the ancient waste has been run through modern processes and made to pay.

Classified advertisements, such as "Wanted," "For Rent," "For Sale," etc., will positively not be received for the Express by office. They must be brought to the office. Please do not phone them, it is embarrassing to us to refuse to receive them. 11-3-15

Cash paid for clean cotton rags at Express office.



The strike of Standard Oil employees at Bayonne, N. J., was ended partly through the efforts of these representatives of the department of labor. Left to right, they are John A. Moffit of New Jersey and James A. Smyth of Pennsylvania.



TOMORROW

Feel in your pocket. Maybe that's where you'll

Find "yours"

Remember—fatima isn't the only good one.

You think yours is good? But...